

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of)	
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Hisanao Maruyama, et al.)	Examiner: Rachel E. Beveridge
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Title: WELDED PORTION CONSTITUTION)	Art Unit: 1725
AND WELDING METHOD)	
)	Confirmation No.: 2410
Serial No.: 10/786,262)	
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

AND

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office Action dated April 9, 2007. The time for response now extending to August 9, 2007, these amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office Action, together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 2; and
REMARKS begin on page 6.